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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR TAYLOR.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 71, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to political subdivisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 71, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 71.528, to read as follows:

71.528. A political subdivision shall not have the power to grant a franchise for the provision of video programming as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(20) or other programming service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(14) in an area in the unit's jurisdiction on terms or conditions more favorable or less burdensome than those of any existing franchise at the time the franchise is granted. A franchise granted under this section must impose on the new cable operator equivalent obligations concerning:

(1) Public, educational, or government access facilities as defined in 47 U.S.C. 522(16); and

(2) Any other requirements;
imposed on an existing cable operator under an existing franchise.

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